



Gossip

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Gossiping is a very destructive sin. There is a good rule of thumb that can be a sign that you are engaging in it. Would you be willing to say to a person's face whatever it is that you are saying when they aren't there? If you would not, it is safe to say you are gossiping.

*** Note: (The word talebearer is used in the KJV [Bible](#) for one who gossips.)

([Lev 19:16](#)) Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord.

([Prov 11:13](#)) A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

([Prov 20:19](#)) He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

([Prov 16:28](#)) A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

([Prov 26:20](#)) Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

([Prov 18:8](#), [26:22](#)) The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

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